

FISH GUILTY; IS SENT TO PRISON

Former Treasurer of Moose Gets Sentence of 2 to 14 Years—Tells of Defalcation.

Admitting that he had appropriated to his own use funds of the South Bend lodge of Moose, of which he was treasurer, Earl Fish entered a plea of guilty to the charge of embezzlement before Judge Funk in the circuit court Wednesday.

Fish was given a sentence of two to 14 years in the penitentiary at Michigan City. Fish denied that his defalcation amounted to \$1,500, as charged, but said that as he figured it, he was short between \$800 and \$900.

Fish received his sentence without show of emotion after he had outlined to Judge Funk the method by which he had taken the money without being detected.

"The court has but one alternative in this matter," said Judge Funk, "and that is to sentence you as prescribed in the statute. The court can do this, however. It will assist you to get a parole after you have served a minimum time required. If your conduct in the penitentiary is exemplary you will have no difficulty in obtaining your release at least in two years."

Fish had told the authorities he was ready to enter a plea of "guilty" to the charge and Prosecutor Montgomery accordingly had him brought before the court Wednesday, outlining the case against Fish after the latter had entered his plea. Fish, himself, however, told the court how he had worked his scheme for such a long time without being detected.

Tells of His Method. "I admit I took the money," said Fish, "but I didn't take \$1,500. I don't think it was more than \$800 or \$900." The treasurer's books are audited by a committee of the lodge at the beginning of each quarter. There is a period, however, Fish explained, during these quarters which this audit does not cover and it was through this loophole that he began his defalcation.

"I started taking small amounts with the full intention of paying back every cent," said Fish. "Later on I began to take larger sums until I got in so deep I knew I never could return it."

Members of the lodge finally suspected the accounts something wrong with the accounts and the matter of an audit by an outside committee was taken up with the officers of the supreme lodge. It was when he heard of this plan Fish admitted, that he left the city. He was arrested in Detroit and brought back to this city. It is said he admitted the shortage at the time of his arrest.

WILL CONTEST GOES TO LAPORTE

A suit to contest the will of the late Samuel Davis, which was to have been tried in the circuit court here was taken to the Laporte circuit court on a change of venue by the attorneys for the plaintiffs Wednesday.

The examination of witnesses for the jury was begun Tuesday afternoon and the indications were that the trial would occupy nearly a week, interrupted however, by the Christmas intermission of the court.

When the change was announced Wednesday, however, Judge Funk summoned the jury.

"The case which you were to try has been taken from the county," said the judge, "so I am able to give you an earlier Christmas vacation than was expected. Wishing you a merry Christmas, I will now excuse you for the term."

The smiles from the jurymen and their "thank you" in chorus indicated the adjournment was welcome. Cases were set for trial Wednesday in the circuit court instead of Friday as usual, inasmuch as the court adjourned Wednesday until Monday. Court cases will be tried during the remainder of the term.

The will contest suit was brought by Charles A. Davis, Daniel Davis and six others, nieces and nephews of Samuel Davis, who alleged that the latter was of unsound mind when he executed the will. The property, worth about \$10,000, was given to Ella Richmond and Angie Sheldon, of Ashtabula, O. The nieces who were remembered received sums not over \$25, according to the complaint.

PRISONERS TO GET CHRISTMAS MEAL

"O, yes, we'll have a merry Christmas over here," replied Warden E. J. Fogarty, when interviewed over the long distance telephone Wednesday, as to Thursday's plans at the Michigan City penitentiary.

In the morning mass will be sung at 7 o'clock by St. Mary's choir, the service being conducted by Rev. Fr. Blackmann, pastor of St. Mary's church and Catholic chaplain at the prison. At 10 o'clock general services will be conducted in the chapel by Rev. Mr. Clepinger, the Protestant chaplain, assisted by clergymen from the city.

In addition to the prison choir and band, music will be furnished at the general service by a down-town orchestra, and the choir from one of the churches. The chapel is being appropriately decorated for the occasion, and every effort is being made to make this Christmas one of the most joyous ever celebrated at the institution.

The dinner—there will be turkey and other unusual things calculated to help the men forget their captivity for the day. This is a custom of the institution since Mr. Fogarty assumed the wardenship, but this year the arrangements promise to outdo all previous efforts.

TWO SUITS DISMISSED. Two damages suits filed by Tullius Farnum, 8800 Ann St., Studebaker have been settled and dismissed from the circuit court docket.

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Within two months we will open up to the people of Northern Indiana, the Most Complete and Best Dry Goods, and Women's and Children's Outfitting Stores in Northern Indiana. It will be the Largest Store with the exception of Indianapolis stores in the state. In order to do this every dollars worth of Winter Merchandise as well as Thousands of Dollars worth of New Merchandise brought on for Our January Sales will be included in this, Greatest of South Bend's Merchandising Events. Contracts for New Front, New Elevators, New Fixtures have been let and are beginning to arrive. The Entire Arrangement of Our Store will be changed to New Modern Equipment.

Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Furs, Children's Wear, Millinery, Waists, All marked with Red Price Card—Reduced to Move Fast.

CRITICISM OF STAR CHAMBER'S METHODS BRINGS OUT REPLY

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) tration, and offers the following in reply:

Judge Howard's Letter.

Editor News-Times: To say that I was astonished in reading the editorial in the News-Times for last evening is to put it mildly. The editorial must have been thought a pretty good one for it is repeated in this morning's issue. The epithet "star chamber," as applied to the deliberations of the city council, might pass in the heat and stress of a political campaign. The term "midnight" might then be added to the epithet to give it proper color for partisan pursuit. "Midnight star chamber" sounds well and it is dark enough to satisfy the most vindictive taste. One could do even better than this by calling the committee room provided in the city hall a "hole," a "hole in the corner" would be still better. All that might be challenged in a passionate and unreasoning contest for office and power. But peace has followed the storm. We have arrived at a season of good will. One may therefore be pardoned for astounding that the epithets of the campaign should now be revived. Are we to assume it to be possible that any representatives of the public press have no proper comprehension of the nature and functions of a deliberative body. A jury sits and listens to the evidence as it comes from the witnesses, to the arguments of counsel on either side and to the law as it is made known to the public. Shall we insist also that the public shall crowd into the jury room and aid in the determination of the verdict?

Has Great Britain been mistaken at these years in maintaining its privy council? Should Pres. Wilson throw open the doors of his cabinet meetings? Ought the senate abolish its executive sessions? Are all legislative committee meetings and caucuses bad as soon as they heard all information and argument and then close their doors to enter upon their deliberations? Is it not rather true that no calm consideration of any important question could be had in the tumult of public discussion? The common council of this city has never closed the doors of its committee meetings until after all persons having anything to say have had full and ample opportunity to present every fact and make every argument that could be brought before the council on any and every side of any question that was up for consideration. Must the council then and there announce its decision before it has reached a decision itself? Surely this editorial has been written without deliberative thought or proper consideration.

The committee meeting of last Monday was a particularly unfortunate illustration of "star chamber" tactics. There was no "hole in the wall," nor "over in the southeast corner of the building." The committee room, on the contrary, was during the whole session crowded with interested spectators.

The incoming council will adopt such course of procedure as they think, and I shall respect that judgment whatever it may be. But I am inclined to think they will find it wise to do in its committee meetings as the last council has done. They will welcome every item of information that comes to them, and they will listen to every argument that any one has to advance. And when they come to pass judgment as to what course of action they shall follow in the open council, they will quietly and freely discuss the matters with one another and try to reach a sane conclusion as to what is best for the welfare of the city and the people. Indeed, so far from trying to transact the business of the city by any "star chamber" methods, the complaint of the outgoing council has been that enough of the people do not attend the meetings of the council, whether in the council chamber or in the committee room.

T. E. HOWARD.

EGGS ARE MONEY. HARRISON, Ark.—Eggs are being used as a medium of exchange here. Motion picture theaters, one egg admits a minor and two an adult. Eggs are also acceptable as cash at grocery stores and mercantile houses.

GET ACQUAINTED DINNER CHANGED TO TUESDAY

Date for Banquet to Commercial Travelers is Made Dec. 30 at Oliver.

The date of the "get acquainted" dinner for salesmen, manufacturers and jobbers originally set for Dec. 29 has been changed to the following evening, Tuesday, the 30th.

Arrangements for the dinner are fast nearing completion. Letters of invitations have been sent out to all traveling salesmen of the city whose names the committee could procure. The dinner will be complimentary to all commercial travelers who live in South Bend regardless of whether they represent local firms or not.

A large number of the manufacturers and jobbers of the city will entertain their travelers at this dinner; as many as 25 representatives of one house will be present. The exhibit of South Bend products to be made in the banquet room of the Oliver hotel in connection with the dinner is attracting a great deal of interest. Space is free to manufacturers and Chairman S. D. Rider of the exhibit committee reports that two-thirds the space is already assigned. Others desiring to make exhibits should at once notify Mr. Rider.

This exhibit will open at 2 p. m. the day of the dinner, and all those who attend the dinner are urged to inspect the exhibit during the afternoon or early evening. It will also be open to the general public.

DEATHS.

FRANK WISNIEWSKI. The funeral of Frank Wisniewski, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wisniewski, of 1002 W. Fisher st., took place Wednesday morning from the St. Hedwige church. Burial at the St. Joseph Polish cemetery.

JOHN ZSDEL. John Zsdel, three and one-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zsdel, 823 Perkins st., died Tuesday morning of scarlet fever. Private funeral services were held from the residence Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in Cedar Grove cemetery.

FUNERALS. OTMAR BASTIAN. Funeral services for Otmar Bastian, who died at Danville, N. Y., were held from the residence of his son, Otto Bastian, 302 W. Washington st., at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Bishop White of the St. James' Episcopal church officiated.

The pall bearers were Mayor Goetz, Fred Mueller, John Meyers, the office of B. Beltner, Max Livingston and Reass.

YOUTH PLEADS GUILTY. GETS JAIL SENTENCE

Joseph Lapczynski, 19 years old, pleaded guilty before Judge Funk in the circuit court to the charge of petty larceny preferred by Detective Shannon of the Chicago, Indiana and Southern railroad. He was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. The boy took sugar bowls and cream pitchers from a railroad car, valued at \$20.

NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of an order of the St. Joseph Circuit Court, the undersigned, Guardian of Clara Papczynski, minor heir of John W. Papczynski, deceased, will sell the office of William N. Bergan, 225-227 Jefferson Building, in the City of South Bend, Indiana, on the 3rd day of January, 1914, and from day to day thereafter until sold at private sale, for not less than the full appraised value, certain real estate belonging to said minor, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot Number twenty-five (25) as shown on the recorded plat of Anna Thomas' Sub-division of the North part of Bank Out Lot No. Seventy-four (74) of the First Plat of Our Lady of the South Bend, Indiana, South Bend, Indiana, Dec. 24, 1913.

Said sale will be made subject to the approval of said Court and for cash in hand free and discharged from all liens and all taxes.

KATHERINE KOWALSKI, Guardian.

William N. Bergan, Atty. for Guardian.

South Bend, Indiana, Dec. 24, 1913.

Merry Christmas To All

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A Title Insurance Company will not insure a title that may cause any trouble, and more than a Fire Insurance Company will insure a building that is more than likely to burn. It does not, however, require that a title be perfect any more than a Fire Insurance Company requires a building that it insures to be fire proof. As the owner who does not insure his buildings takes the risk of loss by fire, so also does the owner, who does not have the title to the real estate he buys insured, take the risk of having trouble from an imperfect title.

To prevent any such trouble have the INDIANA TITLE AND LOAN CO. insure the title to your property and be assured that you are as safe from loss as when your buildings are insured against fire.

Indiana Title and Loan Company

Zar Hagey, Secretary. Cor. Main & Center Streets. F. M. Jackson, Pres.

CENTER TOWNSHIP TO NAME ITS DELEGATES

Democrats of Center township will caucus at the Palmer's Prairie school house Saturday evening, Dec. 27, at 7 o'clock for the purpose of choosing delegates to the democratic district convention to be held in South Bend, Monday afternoon, Dec. 29.

This is the convention at which a district chairman will be chosen to succeed Peter J. Kruijer, appointed Monday to one of the Indiana interior revenue collectorships. The district chairman also serves as a member of the democratic state central committee.

ROBERTSON SCHOOL CONTEST CLOSURE.

In this evening's advertisement of the Robertson store the winning schools are published in order of their winning and the prizes awarded to the respective schools. Nothing like these high-grade plastic-art pieces are anywhere in the city. The collection has attracted much admiration and it has been expressed by several that it seems a pity to divide the splendid groups. These handsome prizes represent the best gifts ever been made to South Bend's schools and they will prove very ornamental as well as instructive in their permanent locations. The race for these prizes has been a very interesting affair. See how the schools fared as told in Robertson's advertisements.

Air frosty—Cold outside But thousands are happy this Yuletide. The reason—very plain you see They take Rocky Mountain Tea. Conley's Drug Store.—Adv.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Daniel Crowl, 25, railroad; Helen Hardman, 19.

Mahlon Stechler, 21, farmer; Sarah Holmes, 22.

James Woolf, 18, rubber worker; Jennie Lewis, 18.

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Extend to All Their Heartiest Wish of a—

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Winning Schools in Robertson's Great Popular-School Contest

- 1st Muessel
- 2nd St. Hedwige
- 3rd Studebaker
- 4th River Park
- 5th Assumption
- 6th Oliver
- 7th Eighth Grade
- 8th Madison
- 9th Lincoln
- 10th Franklin
- 11th Colfax
- 12th St. Joseph
- 13th Jefferson
- 14th Coquillard
- 15th St. Patrick
- 16th Perley
- 17th Sacred Heart
- 18th High School
- 19th Lafayette

"Washington Crossing the Delaware" (by Glynn), size 46x78 in. Valued at \$90.
"The Spirit of '76" (by Raphael Glioni), size 60x45 inches—valued at \$60.
"Landing of the Pilgrims" (by Alfred Losh), size 34x34 inches—valued at \$30.
"Landing of Columbus" (by Raphael Glioni), size 40x32 inches—valued at \$20.
"Washington at Trenton" (by Amerigo Carli), size 40x34 inches—valued at \$40.
Bust of Lincoln (by Raphael Glioni)—2 feet 9 inches high—valued at \$40.
Bust of Washington (by Kyle), two feet 9 inches high—valued at \$30.
Bust of Longfellow (by Brock), two feet 5 inches high—valued at \$30.
Bust of Webster (by Thomas Ball), two feet 10 inches high—valued at \$25.
Bust of McKinley (by Thomas Ball), two feet 6 inches high—valued at \$25.
Bust of Washington (by Volk), two feet 4 inches high—valued at \$15.
Bust of Lincoln (by Volk), two feet, 6 inches high—valued at \$15.
Bust of Columbus (by Canova), two feet, 3 inches high—valued at \$15.
"Signing Treaty of Peace" (after Trumbull), size 32x38 inches—valued at \$15.
Boy Bambi Plaque (by Andrea Rolini), not valued at \$12.50.
Girl Bambi Plaque (by Andrea Rolini), size 16x32 inches—valued at \$12.50.
Bust of Washington (by Hudson), eight inches high—valued at \$10.
Bust of Washington (by Hudson), one foot, eight inches high—valued at \$10.

Announcement!

Sailors Christmas Story Contest

After several hours of careful examination of the hundreds of stories submitted, the judges award the prizes as follows:

- Reed Pullman Doll Carriage
- Studebaker Jr. Farm Wagon
- Miss Helen Greening 838 Marietta St. South Bend.
- Master William Doolittle, 207 So. Laurel St. South Bend.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of little boys and girls who participated in this contest and to wish each any every one of them a Merry Christmas and New Year with good fortune.

Sailors Bros. Co.

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Everything Strictly Modern.

A Pleasant Home for All.

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NOTICE.

A turkey dinner will be served on Xmas day at the Y. W. C. A. from 12 to 1:30 for 50c. After which the dining room will be closed for the day.

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